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THE ROVING REPORTER

• ARLINGTON HILLS RIDING CLUB

The members and friends of the Arlington Hills Riding Club held a very enjoyable trail ride on Sunday, October 7th. Sixteen riders left the stables and rode to Tilden Park via the Cave Trail to beautiful Mineral Springs Picnic Grounds. A few of the martyrs cantered ahead on four rubber tires and prepared a most delicious barbecue lunch. The return trip was made via Inspiration Point and McLaren Meadows Trail. Everyone agreed that it was a most delightful outing and plans are being made for similar events in the future.

• OUT HAYWARD WAY

Leo Davidson, owner of Jumping Jeepers, is moving to Sacramento where he will have his own private stables.

A prediction: Gold Brocade, the American Saddlebred owned by Richard Reed, promises to be one of the outstanding horses of next year!

Destiny's Sweetheart, the two-year-old American Saddlebred owned by Mr. E. L. Reed, is indeed winning at an early age! The filly performed beautifully at the Metropolitan Horsemen's Show in August and placed 1st in her class for Two-Year-Olds in the Fine Harness Class.

• SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ross of Rifle Lane are the proud parents of a baby girl born October 13th, named Valerie Ross!

• CRESSMOUNT STABLES

James Ormond and Troup have done it again! Another delightful horse show and gymkhana was held at the Cressmount Stables by "Thursday Night Riders". With the exception of the "serious" Pairs Class, all events were a riot! Irene Lagorio riding Bourbon, and James Ormond riding Royal Robin, did a grand job of exhibiting a well-matched pair of horses.

The "striking blonde" seen riding with the Tuesday Night Upson and Downs riders is none other than the well-known Virginia Dinwiddie. It's good to have Virginia riding with the group once again.

Back from the Pacific comes Wally Nall—to enjoy a ride or two at the Cressmount Stables! Wally did a grand job of riding and judging at the recent Thursday-Night Gymkhana. Cressmount hopes to see a lot of Wally and his good riding!

Mary Gale, member of the Upson Downs Club, is having loads of fun training her four-year chestnut mare FLICKA out at the Gale Ranch near Winters. You'll always find Mary at the ranch over week-ends and holidays!

Shongehon: The initiation of the new Shongehon members was held Saturday, November 10th. Those who survived the ordeal are: Carolee Jory, Beverly Cron, Shirley Rach, Joy Houston, Pat Brandes, Helen Shafer, Priscilla Meyer, Mary Dunson, Nancy Danielson and Barbara Van Buren. The December meeting is to be held at the home of Marilyn Shaw.

• THE LEONA STABLES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hand are now the owners of two pintos: a brown and white mare named Lady, and a stallion named Scottie. Scottie has a perfect Scottie dog in white on his side against a black background.

Winifred Haultane has purchased Mr. Skylark from Bob White. He is a U. S. Cavalry mount and carries the Preston brand. "Winkie" hopes to work with him as a jumper and plans to take him to her new home in Walnut Creek later in the year. She will call him "Co-pilot."

Patsy Nuttall is seen riding her own pinto, Pequop, over the trails. He is brown and white and is named for

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the snow speckled mountains near her father's home in Elko County, Nevada.

Nellie Pinto, the mare owned by Bill Monahan, at the Piedmont Stables, has a palomino colt—and Bill and all his friends are trying to find a name for him.

Mr. James Ormond has added the building of managers to his accomplishments. He constructed two fine managers with feed and salt boxes at Mrs. Anne Summerfield's barn.

Returned from the services and exercising their horses again are: Orville Studley, Earl Hansen, J. W. Nichols, Lucky Dawson, James Keecy, and we hope many, many more soon. But Bill Nissen, whose Desperado took all the jumps at San Mateo shows last year, is in the Hospital Corps of the Navy and has an assignment with the Recreation Department looking after the western horses of the Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll.

Dr. J. O. Jarvis has moved Beverly, his black mare, to his ranch home out of San Mateo.

Bea Sweet is seen riding Mr. Ray Burton's La Zova Moon under English equipment and also Lunis with a Western outfit.

Another new flat saddle rider is the little Davenport girl who is sitting astride Marjorie Minuth's American Saddlebred Fireglow.

Roy Schoonover is putting the finishing touches on his new stables located at the head of Rifle Lane. He will move his horses there soon. Mr. and Mrs. DeGorog will stable their mounts in the new quarters also.

Rifle Lane has claimed another "horse family". Mr. and Mrs. Mesquita are remodeling Red Gates which will be the future home of Miss Elsie's Lady Weston.

YEARLING SALE

Celeste McNeal Van Lennep

Now Ladies, now Gentlemen, lend me your ears,
For there ain't been a youngster like this sold in years.

His Daddy won the Derby, his Mammy won the Oaks,

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He should make a great one, for he's bred to be that way;

Come on all you buyers, we can't wait here all day!

I know he ain't a beauty but he'll never let you down;

His Granddam was a flyer and his Granddad won the Crown.

What am I bid? Is it Fifty I hear?

Take it easy folks. Ain't he getting too dear?

Seventy huh? Say it might buy his tail,

Christmas comes later, folks, this is a sale!

Wait now! I'll tell you, you're all doin' wrong,

A blood one like this can't sell for a song.

One hundred, Two hundred, Three, make it Four;

Jump it to Five, you can see he's worth more!

Now Six, now Seven, can that be the most?

Why he'll win you that a stride past the post.

"He mightn't win races?" Now ain't that a laugh?

A good man can always tells wheat from the chaff.

Eight I'm bid. Nine it is. Ten seems too low.

Make it a "grand" boys! O.K. then he'll go.

Ten one; and Ten Twice, it's not long til Dawn,

All right ten, I'll sell him. Going, going, gone!

Trends in the Horse World

COL. F. W. KOERSTER, QMC, Western Remount Area and C. O. Pomona QM Depot; Excerpts from a speech delivered at Santa Rosa Convention.

Trend No. 1. This is the age of the riding horse. This should be of especial interest to Western horsemen because the West is the home of the riding horse. A large majority of the country's riding horses are produced in the eleven Western states.

Trend No. 2. Never in our history has the outlook for the riding horse industry been better. The demand for good riding horses exceeds the supply, whether the demand be for Thoroughbreds, Arabians, Morgans, Saddlebreds or what have you.

Trend No. 3. Never has the industry been so mindful of the necessity for selective breeding. This is clearly indicated by the care with which breeding stock is being selected, especially broodmares. The day when just any mare was considered good enough to breed is past. Breeders now realize that the mare, as well as the stallion, must contribute proportionately to the final result.

Trend No. 4. The modern buyer demands a gentle horse, whether he be either green or broken. The breeding industry realizes this, though some of them have had to learn it the hard way. War conditions and lack of available, skilled manpower has interfered seriously with training but it is, nevertheless, a fact that with few exceptions breeders today are bending every effort to produce good, gentle horses.

Trend No. 5. That the modern horse user appreciates the fact that the producer is entitled to a fair return.

Let me emphasize that this is a real step in the proper direction. We Americans thru out our history, have been a nation of horse traders, of David Harums, if you please. We have never been concerned with what a horse was worth. Rather we prided ourselves on seeing how cheaply we could buy it. The seller has been actuated by similar motives—to see how much he could get for how little. As a result, horse transactions became a battle of wits, with no holds barred. That condition is now being rectified. The breeder who acquires good breeding stock, mates it intelligently, maintains it adequately and then spends four years in raising the offspring to maturity and preparing it for market is certainly entitled to payment for his efforts.

Trend No. 6. Horsemen are organizing. To quote you some figures, a survey which my Headquarters is now conducting indicates that there are at least 217 organized horse groups in the 7 Western states, distributed as follows: 115 in California, 45 in Oregon, 24 in Utah, 18 in Washington, 10 in Idaho, 5 in Nevada, and 3 in Arizona.

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State Horsemen's Ass'n Convention

Well, hold your hats folks! Here we go for another year! And with such a fine group of new officers, full of vigor and enthusiasm, we should really go to town.

To you folks who were unable to attend the convention at Santa Rosa, we would like to tell about the wonderful time that was enjoyed by everyone, the wonderful arrangements, the fine food, the excellent music, the grand entertainment, the marvelous hospitality of the host organizations and well, we just can't think of enough adjectives to do justice to the description. Warren Richardson and the committees really did a super job.

We really feel sorry for the gang down South (the convention goes to Pomona next year) for having the job of putting on a convention after that great affair in Santa Rosa. They don't seem worried however, and promise another eye-opener convention for next year.

The following are the names and addresses for the officers for the new year:

President: **GEORGE H. CARDINET, JR.**
Route 2, Concord, Calif.

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Region No. 5: **JOE DROEGER**
4915 Gloria Avenue, Encino, Calif.

All communications shall be addressed accordingly as these officers take office immediately.

Quite a few came to the convention on horseback, notably a group from San Francisco and San Mateo who trailed up to Novato where they were given a fine dinner on Thursday evening, breakfast Friday morning and were joined by some of the members of the Novato Horsemen, Inc., for the ride into Santa Rosa. They arrived in Santa Rosa around six o'clock after stopping over for lunch at Petaluma, which was put on by members of the Petaluma Riding and Driving Club. These two little groups surely deserve a lot of credit for their helpfulness and hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Lowenthal of the Novato group were two that worked hard to make this feature of the Convention a success and we regret having to extend our sympathies to them on the loss of their horse which was killed in a loading accident as they were preparing to leave the convention.

Another gentlemen rode forty-five miles from way over in Napa County and was awarded a prize for having rode the farthest to the convention.

There were many prizes distributed for the best groups and individuals in the parade and also at the impromptu horse show on Sunday afternoon. One of the highlights of the entire convention was the hard riding and precise drilling by the Juniors of the Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club. Those kids (8 to 16) were so good that the entire grand-stand stood and whistled, cheered and clapped at the end of their wonderful drill. Another feather in the cap of Warren Richardson, who trains them.

Letter from the State President

TO ALL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

Greetings and my sincere appreciation for your profound confidence in entrusting the guidance of the California State Horsemen's Association to my custody for the ensuing year. No greater tribute has ever been accorded nor can greater honor be anticipated.

The past year has been replete with success. I speak for each and every horseman when I say we have been most fortunate in the exemplary leadership of Justice Carter who has brought to the councils of our organization that dignity, wisdom, and administrative ability that has placed him on the highest tribunal of our State and where his personal brilliance accords him a place of preeminence. We look forward to and will depend upon the assistance so graciously offered by Justice Carter to this administration.

Through an inadvertence I forgot to mention the appointment of Ray Stone as Secretary when addressing the convention. This I regret most deeply. Ray is a tradition in the CSHA. He breathed in its very soul and has literally supplied the life blood for its existence. The members of this organization consider it implicit upon any President to avail themselves of Ray's services as long as he is willing to serve.

Carl Youngberg, whose financial ability and accounting genius will ever serve as a model of efficient management for the Treasury. Carl will continue to serve on the Finance Committee which augurs well for the solution of the knotty problems ahead.

To firmly establish a permanent and continuous source of income of sufficient volume to furnish the services demanded of the Association by the member organizations is imperative and one which will be the responsibility of the Finance Committee.

The Convention is to be congratulated on the selection of Joe Gilmore, Joe Droeger, Al Raich, Ted Miller and Lee Bluck as Regional Vice-Presidents. Each one an ardent and enthusiastic horseman and an energetic worker. With such support we look ahead with assurance.

Already time has jumped the gun and we are faced with a problem of legislative action which up to now was considered a year away. Governor Warren will include the initial appropriation for construction of the State Trail on the agenda for the Special Session of the Legislature which will convene about the first of the year. The preliminary surveys must be completed prior to this. Form your County Trail Committees now! See your County Planning Commissions and County Engineers and have them detail the Trail Route through your County with the proper legal descriptions. John Diggs and his committee will be ready to begin assembling these surveys within a month or so. We have been handed the proverbial hot potato, albeit we asked for it. Seriously this is an unparalleled opportunity to firmly establish this Association as a power of definite force in the State. The dreams of horsemen for years, the assurance of an ever expanding horse industry with the resultant benefits to the economic well being of the State is within reach. We can go as far as our energy and willingness to serve will sustain the vision.

May all our efforts for the coming year be crowned with the same success achieved with the passage of Senate Bill No. 630 and the efforts of Ed Fellows' committee which secured an increase of 35 per cent in the procurement price of horses by the U. S. Army.

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Leona Horse Show

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Prizes of spurs, halters, blankets and other horse paraphernalia were donated by Boykin's Radio and Auto Supply, Broadway Sporting Goods Store, Green's Shoe and Saddle Shop, Keyston Brothers, Olsen Nolte Saddle Shop, Rowell Saddle Company, Sports Unlimited, Starr Saddle Shop, Tasney Harness Shop, and Tex's Leather Shop, besides the following club members: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blumert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mr. R. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Long, Mrs. Ernest Minuth, Mr. and Mrs. V. Mishler, Elizabeth Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Modglin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ross, Mrs. L. Studley, Mrs. H. Topritzhofer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tarr, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Waldren, Mr. W. L. Walbridge, Dr. and Mrs. Don Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Upton, and M's. J. Young and Diane Young.

Open jumping consisted of accumulating points assigned to each jump, their value unknown to the rider who had 3 minutes in the ring. First place—Elsie Mesquita, Notice Me; 2nd Deanne Burton, Idiot's Delight; 3rd Norma Burton, Cover Girl; 4th Norma Burton, La Zova Moon.

In bareback jumping: 1st Deanne Burton, Idiot's Delight; 2nd Elsie Mesquita, Notice Me; 3rd Ethel Kartholl, Captain Kidd; 4th Charles Hall, Beachwood.

In English Trail Horses—1st Idiot's Delight; 2nd Cover Girl; 3rd Beachwood, and 4th Dr. J. O. Jarvis' Beverly.

In English Pleasure Class—1st Cover Girl; 2nd Coppa King owned and ridden by Mrs. M. F. Waldren; a post entry was 3rd, and 4th Notice Me.

In English Pairs—Deanne Burton's Idiot's Delight and Selma Piazzi's Billy the Kid were 1st; Tedda Beyler's What a Storm and Elsie Mesquita's Notice Me were 2nd; Miss California owned by Bob Baker and ridden by Virginia Smith and Ethel Kartholl's Captain Kidd were 3rd.

In Western Pairs—the palominos of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murray, Duchess and Frosty were 1st; Darky Gal owned and ridden by M. F. Waldren and Blackie owned by Miss Neff and ridden by Boots Ingram, USN, were 2nd.

In Solid Color Trail Horses, Cameo, owned and ridden by Virginia Heltzel was 1st; a post entry was 2nd; Omar owned and ridden by R. Ross was 3rd; and Sunny, owned and ridden by Lita Ray was 4th.

In Palomino Western Trail Class, Tera, owned and ridden by Dorothy Tarr was 1st; Frosty and Duchess, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Muray were 2nd and 3rd, and Lucky, owned and ridden by Bob Baker was 4th. In the Pinto class Jimmy, owned and ridden by Jim Bona, was 1st. In Stock Horses, R. Ross' Flash was 1st; Jim Bona's Jimmy was 2nd; Wes Walbridge's Scooter was 3rd; and Leonard Phillip's Peggy was 4th.

Winners in the Colts-under-two-years class were: 1st, Sandalay shown by Jack H. Green; 2nd, Lady Easter shown by Charles Broadus; 3rd, Highland Queen shown by Archie Brown; and 4th, Amar shown by R. Ross.

The Juvenile class in horsemanship was won by Diane Young on Notice Me; 2nd Corinne Smith on Bear Catcher; 3rd Myrtle Baker on Marjorie Minuth's Fireglow.

Highlights of Nov. 2nd Board Meeting

Frank Colbourn, Jr., Chairman of the Trails Committee reported on a proposed new trail which will begin near the Beacon on Skyline Boulevard, run through a low level canyon, and exit just below the Big Bear Tavern. If the East Bay Municipal Utility District will give the Association the right to cross their property, it will be possible to construct an excellent trail. The opening of a trail at this point would not only benefit any horsemen living and stabling their horses in the eastern part of the city, but would also provide an excellent fire trail, as well as the advantages of a short route into Regional Redwood Park.

It was moved and seconded that the Association pay the East Bay Regional Park District \$25.00 for the making and placing of trail markers as may be necessary to identify the respective dedicated trails to the memory of William M. Barnett and Charles R. Tate.

President Fred E. Anderson gave a resume of the recent convention held at Santa Rosa of which Jack Richards, Fred Anderson, Beverly Theobald, Stanley Moore and family and Archie Brown attended. It was decided that the next California State Horsemen's convention be held at the Pomona Fairgrounds near Long Beach. The proposed California State Horsemen's Trail is now a reality and \$20,000.00 has been appropriated for the survey of the trail. We should have the full support of our county to promote a trail from Alameda County into Contra Costa county. George Cardinet of Concord was nominated president of the California State Horsemen's Association.

These classes with musical chairs and novelty horses gave everyone a good time. The judges were William Straus and Frank Sutton; Earl Hansen was announcer, and Mrs. Hansen the ribbon clerk. Members of the committees were: M. K. Murray, Archie Brown, George Goldt, Irma Fay Brown, Deane Burton, Verne Mishler, Bill Nuttall, and Mrs. J. Young. Ray Burton furnished the public address. Lieutenant Elizabeth Moser, USNR, of the Rehabilitation Department of the Oak Knoll Hospital, designed the very attractive programs.

Your correspondent was so busy with show details that he missed some of the names of winners in the events. Please send your names to the Trail Blazer—will give you mention in our next issue.

Frank Colbourn Jr., Horse Show Manager, reported that a profit of approximately \$2500.00 was made at our 3rd Annual MHA Horse Show. It was moved and duly seconded that the present board recommend a study be made of the transactions and business of the Horse Show which could be used as valuable information for the next Horse Show Manager. Mr. Colbourn suggested that we have a Horse Show Committee Board, elected by the regular Board of Directors. It was moved and seconded that Frank Colbourn be released from any further liability from the Horse Show. The Horse Show business and monies were turned over to the secretary.

A discussion was held concerning the membership rates for the year of 1946. A motion was made and seconded that senior members will pay a fee of \$2.00 for membership in the MHA up to March 1, 1946; thereafter March 1, the fee will be \$3.00 for the year. Junior members (under 16 years) will pay a fee of \$1.00.

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Bill Brown's Horse Sense

As told by Howard Wookey
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QUESTION:

"Dear Sirs: We have recently moved to the 'Valley' and have three saddle horses to feed and take care of. Can you give us a general plan or routine to follow that will assure the best care for our horses? We will appreciate your suggestions."

(Signed): R. L. Bailey.

ANSWER:

In suggesting a general plan for caring for your horses, we are assuming that you have box stalls for them and an outside run.

First thing in the morning take your horses out of their stalls and put them in the outside run. Make sure your fence is OK . . . that there are no broken rails or loose boards that might injure your horses. Don't use barbed wire for fencing if you plan to leave them outside during the day.

Have plenty (a flake to each horse) of good oat hay, not barley, in the hay box and plenty of fresh water available at all times outside as well as in the stalls.

Clean out the stalls thoroughly so they will be clean and dry when the horses are brought in for the night. When making up their beds, spread your bedding about a foot thick over the floor. Put a flake of hay in each stall for their night feeding. What grain is fed should be fed at night.

Feeding is a study. Some horses do well on hay alone but they still need some grain. Don't feed a saddle horse alfalfa alone. It makes soft flesh which is easily sweat off. Grain is a fine conditioner and makes good hard flesh, although too much grain is not good. It will sap the natural oils of the skin and leave the coat dull and hard to groom.

Try a change of food occasionally. Give your horses some bran now and then or perhaps a well balanced mixed food providing you are sure it is clean. Sometimes these prepared foods are nothing but floor sweepings. You can make your own mixed feed with 1 part bran to 3 parts oats or rolled barley, a little molasses and a handful of salt.

Once a week you can feed a bran mash of equal parts bran and grain and about 1/2 pound of oil meal. Mix warm water but don't have it too wet or sloppy.

Blanket your horses at night. It will keep them warm and also keep their hair smooth and their coats clean.

Have their teeth checked to see they have proper chewing surfaces and that there are no sharp edges that cut the gums or cheeks.

Wash out their mouths once a week with warm salt water and check for any mouth trouble.

Also check their feet—keep the frogs clean, and make sure their shoes fit properly.

It is hardly necessary to mention grooming and keeping the horses clean, the coats shiny, and the manes and tails combed. After coming in from a ride they should be sponged off and dried. Occasionally, it is good to give them a good washing all over.

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